

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF  
CALIFORNIA

Ricardo Jose Calderon Lopez v. Doe Viramontes, et al.

Calderon Lopez v. Viramontes · No. CV 24-10889-DMG (SHK) · Decided February 24, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Central District of California dismissed Ricardo Jose Calderon Lopez's action without prejudice. The court found that he failed to comply with an order requiring corrected filings and dismissed the case for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with a court order.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | United States District Court for the Central District of California                                                                                                                      |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Dolly M. Gee, Chief United States District Judge                                                                                                                                         |
| JURISDICTION          | United States District Court for the Central District of California                                                                                                                      |
| DECIDED               | February 24, 2025                                                                                                                                                                        |
| DOCKET                | CV 24-10889-DMG (SHK)                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DISPOSITION           | dismissed                                                                                                                                                                                |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | The district court dismissed the action without prejudice for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with a court order after Plaintiff failed to timely refile corrected documents. |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW    | The court considered the five Henderson factors governing dismissal for failure to prosecute or failure to comply with a court order.                                                    |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | Unpublished district court order; no precedential status stated.                                                                                                                         |
| PARTIES               | Ricardo Jose Calderon Lopez v. Doe Viramontes, et al.                                                                                                                                    |

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the action should be dismissed without prejudice for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with a court order.

## HOLDINGS

1. Dismissal without prejudice was warranted because all five factors—the public interest in expeditious resolution, the court's need to manage its docket, the risk of prejudice to defendants, the policy favoring disposition on the merits, and the availability of less drastic sanctions—favored dismissal.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

*“Five factors apply when considering whether to dismiss an action for failure to prosecute or comply with a Court order: “(1) the public’s interest in expeditious resolution of litigation; (2) the court’s need to manage its docket; (3) the risk of prejudice to the defendants; (4) the public policy favoring disposition of cases on their merits; and (5) the availability of less drastic sanctions.”” (1)*

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The court had repeatedly apprised Calderon Lopez of filing deficiencies and, on January 3, 2025, struck his complaint and related applications. It allowed him until January 17, 2025, to refile corrected documents and warned that noncompliance would result in dismissal without prejudice. Calderon Lopez did not timely comply or take further action, leading the court to conclude that he appeared to have abandoned the case.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The court previously struck Plaintiff's complaint, application to file electronically, and request to proceed in forma pauperis because of filing deficiencies, and gave him until January 17, 2025, to submit corrected documents. The court warned that failure to comply would result in dismissal without prejudice. Plaintiff did not timely comply or take further action, so the court dismissed the action without prejudice.

## DISPOSITION

dismissed

## CASES CITED

- Henderson v. Duncan, 779 F.2d 1421, 1423 (9th Cir. 1986)